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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	DELAWARE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building Second Floor Conference Room A Dover, Delaware
MINUTES APPROVED:	09/24/2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Cherneski, LMFT, **President**
Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH, **Vice President**
Dr. Tracey Frazier, Psy.D., LCDP, **Secretary**
Ruth Banta, Public Member
Irvin Bowers, Public Member
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH
Joan McDonough, Public Member
Julius Mullen, Ed.D., LPCMH Dr.
William Northey, Ph.D., LMFT
Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Davis, LCDP
Lisa Ritchie, LCDP

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Gayle MacAfee, Deputy Director
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

Sharon Boyd
Helen McCool
Edith Porter
Anne Swoyer, Wilcox & Fetzer
Michael Vincent
Tim Willard, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cherneski called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

MHCDP Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2014

The Board reviewed the June 25, 2014 meeting minutes for approval. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to Board's Rules and Regulations (12:00 p.m.)

At 12:04 p.m., Mr. Cherneski called the public hearing to order. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Ms. Singh stated the purpose of the hearing. The following items were marked as Board Exhibits for the record: Board Exhibit 1 – News Journal publication affidavit, and Board Exhibit 2 – Delaware State News publication affidavit. The board introduced themselves for the record. Mr. Cherneski opened the floor for comments. There were no public comments. The board will deliberate on all public comments during their September 24, 2014 meeting. The board went off the record at 12:08 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Verbal Exceptions, Comments or Arguments to be Presented for Consideration Regarding the Recommendations of Chief Hearing Officer for Helen McCool (Case 33-04-13)

Mr. Willard and Ms. McCool addressed the Board and presented verbal exceptions and comments regarding the Chief Hearing Officer recommendations.

Review and Consider Recommendations of Chief Hearing Officer for Helen McCool (Case 33-04-13)

The Board reviewed and considered the recommendations of the Chief Hearing Officer regarding Case 33-04-13, against Helen McCool. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to accept the findings of fact, and conclusions of law, but to modify the recommended discipline. Ms. McCool's license will be placed on probation for a period of one year; she will need to complete six hours of acceptable continuing education in the areas of ethics and assessment, diagnosis and documentation of findings within 45 days of the Final Order; she is ordered to meet with a supervisor acceptable to the Board on a bimonthly basis, and quarterly reports shall be submitted to the Board; and Ms. McCool is ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00. Motion carried with Dr. Drevno and Ms. Vassas recusing.

Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)

Ms. MacAfee advised the Board that she recently met with Lydia Prigg and Monique Hampton from the Governor's Office regarding the Board composition. She informed the Board that the Governor's Office is having a difficult time locating a LMFT, who is eligible to serve on the Board. The Governor's Office is concerned with the Board composition, and may draft legislation during the next legislative session pertaining to the Board's composition. Ms. MacAfee advised the Board that Ms. Prigg and Ms. Hampton may attend the September to discuss their concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Correspondence from Michael Vincent Regarding Previously Tabled LACMH Application (Application was Tabled on June 25, 2014)

The Board reviewed the correspondence submitted by Michael Vincent, which provided clarification as to why he was proposing a psychologist as a supervisor, as opposed to an LPCMH. Mr. Vincent addressed the Board regarding his application and correspondence.

Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the LACMH application for Michael Vincent. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications for LACMH Licensure

The Board reviewed Edith Porter's application for LACMH licensure. Ms. Porter was present, and provided verbal clarification to the Board regarding her application. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Ashley Santana's application for LACMH licensure. Dr. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Kiara Moore's application for LACMH licensure. Dr. Mullen moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Marissa Lloyd's application for LACMH licensure. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to table the application for clarification as to why Ms. Lloyd answered "NO" to questions 20, 21, and 22 on the application, which pertained to her duty to report. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification

The Board reviewed Jennifer Carter's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Nicole Smith's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Katherine Bernstein's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Mullen moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Sharon Boyd's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Wendy Schmitt's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Drevno moved, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LCDP Licensure by Certification

The Board reviewed Rochelle Holmes' application for LCDP licensure by certification. Dr. Frazier moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Gail Simms' application for LCDP licensure by certification. Dr. Frazier moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Nicole Taylor's application for LCDP licensure by certification. Dr. Frazier moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LMFT Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed Helen Ford's application for LMFT licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Potential Changes to LACMH & LAMFT Applications

The Board reviewed the potential changes to the LACMH and LAMFT applications. The proposed changes include a section which the applicant would provide an explanation as to why they are proposing a supervisor who is not a LPCMH. This change would expedite the application process, as the Board would have a written explanation at the time of initial review. Dr. Drevno moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the proposed changes. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Documentation Submitted by Lori Denham Pursuant to Final Order

The Board reviewed the continuing education and certification documents submitted by Lori Denham pursuant to the Final Order. Dr. Frazier moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to accept the continuing education as previously ordered. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Inactive Status for Joyce Keene

The Board reviewed the request for inactive status submitted by Joyce Keene. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to approve the request for inactive status. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education from the Medical Society of Delaware

Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to approve the following CE activity for the Medical Society of Delaware as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

“3rd Annual Psychiatric Society of Delaware CME Symposium” (4.0 Hours)

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activity from Diane Moss, LPCMH

Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to approve the following CE activity for Diane Moss, LPCMH, as noted below. Motion unanimously carried

“Heal Your Life Workshop Leader Training 2014”

Discussion Regarding Post Renewal Continuing Education Audit

Ms. Williams requested that the Board determine the percentage of licensees to be selected for the upcoming post-renewal audit. The Board decided that 10% of all licensees be selected for the post-renewal continuing education audit.

Update from 2014 NBCC Annual Conference

Mr. Cooper provided a brief overview of the 2014 NBCC Annual Conference, in addition to the Board reviewing his written update. Mr. Cooper advised the Board that the NBCC is now only accepting candidates who graduated from CACREP accredited programs. He suggested that it may be the time for the Board to consider moving away from requiring NBCC certification, as the NBCC and CACREP are practically one entity.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed Paul Goddard's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update from Legislative Committee

Dr. Northey provided the Board with an update from the Legislative Committee. He reported that the Legislative Committee is recommending that the proposed statute eliminate the requirement for NBCC certification, and only require that applicants pass the National Counselor Exam.

Dr. Northey requested that the LCDP's review and compare the proposed statutory changes for LPCMH's and LMFT's, to the current LCDP statute. If any changes are recommended, the recommendations should be sent to Ms. Williams at least one week before the next meeting. He informed the Board that the draft includes adding the same verbiage from the LPCMH statute to the LMFT statute pertaining to face to face supervision. Dr. Northey reported that the Legislative Committee is anticipating that the drafts of the proposed legislation should be done by the September 24, 2014 meeting.

Review Draft of Changes Regarding Problematic Statutory Revisions

The Board reviewed the most current drafts of the proposed statutes.

Correspondence

Review Correspondence from Wallace Pierce Law Requesting the Board's Clarification and Opinion for the Apex School of Theology

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Wallace Pierce Law requesting the Board's clarification and opinion for the Apex School of Theology. Ms. Singh advised the Board that they cannot offer an advisory opinion or legal advice to any person or business. The Board requested that correspondence be sent to Wallace Pierce Law advising them of such, as well as informing them that not all accreditations are acceptable to the Board as it was implied in the correspondence.

Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting Date

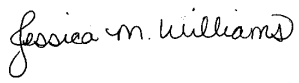
The Board's next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2014, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Ms. Banta made a motion, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II